



Village of Savoy
Savoy Municipal Center
611 North Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL 61874

MINUTES OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE: January 19, 2016

PLACE: Savoy Municipal Center
611 North Dunlap Avenue
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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Garry Herzog
Jim Sinclair
Jim Miller
Jack Franklin

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Scott Lutz
Scott Henderson
Todd Jacob

TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dick Helton, Manager
Dan Davies, Zoning Administrator
Dennis Donaldson, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Kim Leese, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

GUESTS:

Craig Rost, Champaign County EDC-Executive Director
Julia Leatherwood, County Star

CONVENED: 12:20 p.m.

CONCLUDED: 12:36 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM DECLARED

Garry Herzog called the meeting of the Economic Development Commission to order at 12:20 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

II. MINUTES OF MEETING

Jim Sinclair made a motion to pass the October 20, 2015 minutes; seconded by Jim Miller. **All were in favor and the October 20, 2015 minutes were passed unanimously.**

III. BEST WESTERN TIF APPLICATION

Dick Helton stated the Best Western is getting ready to do the next phase of their rebuild. They will be coming to ask for TIF money for demo and clearing. Helton said he is waiting for some more information from them, and Helton expects he will probably have the paperwork back from them for the next EDC meeting.

IV. UPDATE-MARKETING CO-OP, BABYLAND CLOSURE & SAVOY QUALITY OF LIFE

Marketing Co-Op: The next Savoy Marketing Co-Op meeting is January 21, 2016, at 9 AM. Dennis Donaldson stated Mike Hale attended the last meeting and is willing to participate, if needed. Donaldson said group members have discussed a social media presence, including a possible web-site. Craig Rost suggested some cross over marketing with the airport. Helton stated it will depend on the marketing campaign Savoy puts together. Helton said the intent of Savoy's marketing campaign is to come to Savoy and shop. Rost said at the present time there are no municipalities with a marketing presence at the airport. Donaldson said this is a good topic to bring to the Marketing Co-Op group. Rost suggested to have someone from his office/team come speak at a future Savoy EDC meeting with more information.

Babyland Closure: Donaldson informed the group that Babyland closed on January 16, 2016. Donaldson said there has been discussions with a business that is interested in the space Babyland will vacate. Helton said he spoke with someone interested in the vacated AT&T space. Also, Ascend Pilates is interested in moving next to Luxury Nails. Dennis is calling Phillips Edison today.

Savoy Quality of Life: Donaldson requested those present let him know quality of life topics that could be added to the Savoy web page. Ideas could be emailed to him at any time. Some of the ideas suggested at the meeting were the following:

- Great access to everything in the area: highways/roads, one end of town, even in rush hour traffic-don't have to worry about rush hour traffic like you do in major cities, usually not more than 15 minutes to get anywhere you need to be within the area
- Cost of living is low compared to jobs
- Get everything you need within the area-everything is at your finger tips

Partial Special Census Update: Last week Donaldson sent in the update of verification maps. Would like to have the partial special census take place this spring before students leave. Some of the areas that will be included are the following: Prairie Fields, Lake Falls, Liberty on the Lake, 2 new retirement centers on Airport Road, and the facility on Curtis/Prospect.

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Economic Development Commission, Jim Sinclair made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Miller. Chairperson Herzog adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Leese, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

This meeting was taped.